

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought entitled **DISTRIBUTING CONSUMER DEMAND UPSTREAM IN A SUPPLY CHAIN**, the specification and drawings for which are attached hereto; I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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